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Among the reports of the distribution of seeds and plants conducted by this most admirable institution, we note that the Camphor Tree (*Cinnamomum camphora*) has proved a hardy and rapid grower in many parts of California; that there are now cork oaks of bearing dimensions in five counties of the State; that the true Gum Arabic Tree (*Acacia Arabica*) may be grown in the thermal belts, and that the Tea Plant thrives in many sections, and in some cases the leaves are gathered for home use.

Proceedings of the Club.

The regular meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Columbia College, the President in the chair and 42 persons present.

Miss Isabel S. Arnold, Dr. J. W. Eckfeldt, Rev. Francis Wolle, Thos. Meehan, and John Donnell Smith were elected Corresponding Members.

Miss Emily L. Gregory was elected an Active Member.

The following standing committees for the year were appointed:

Finance, J. L. Wall, W. H. Rudkin; Admissions, Benjamin Braman, Jos. Schrenk; Herbarium, Louise M. Stabler, Alice B. Rich.

Dr. Britton called attention to the proposed collecting tour of Rev. Thos. Morong, in South America, and, on motion, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a letter of indorsement on behalf of the Club, under which he will be authorized to act in the name of the Club during his travels.

On motion the President appointed Hon. Addison Brown, Mrs. N. L. Britton and Benjamin Braman a committee to take suitable action on behalf of the Club in regard to the death of Dr. Asa Gray. Remarks upon Dr. Gray and his works were made by Dr. Newberry and Dr. O. R. Willis. Dr. Britton exhibited a photograph, taken shortly before his death, and read some of his early letters to Dr. Torrey, which were preserved among Dr. Torrey's correspondence.

The Committee framed the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas : Professor Asa Gray, Honorary Member of the Torrey Botanical Club, departed this life on Monday, January the thirtieth, 1888,—

Resolved : That the members of this Club have learned of his death with profound sorrow. Devoting his life to our beloved science, he not only raised himself to the foremost rank of botanists in any age or country, but has won for our land a place in the annals of science that sheds a lustre upon the American name.

Resolved : That not alone for his magnificent work in the strict paths of science will he be ever memorable, but for his labors in the cause of education, for the charm which his enthusiasm and literary skill have imparted to his popular works of instruction and to his essays on scientific themes, thereby alluring thousands of students to the zealous pursuit of this branch of knowledge, our countrymen owe him a debt of gratitude.

Resolved : That through his early association with Dr. Torrey, one of the chief founders of this Club, his friendly connection with us and our work, and his contributions to our publications, the Club have felt a special relationship with him that makes his loss come to us as a deep personal bereavement.

Resolved : To her who has been his constant companion for forty years, to whom so much of his success is due, we hereby tender our sincerest sympathy.

Mr. E. E. Sterns read notes on the genus *Smilax*, proposing a revision of the N. American species and requesting material and memoranda.

Dr. R. G. Eccles read a paper upon the results obtained in the chemical examination of seeds of *Calycanthus*, supplied by Mr. Sterns at a former meeting. Notes by Miss Isabel S. Arnold upon the Flora of the upper Chemung Valley, were read and illustrated by herbarium specimens. After adjournment an exhibition of microscopic preparations was given by the section of Histology and Cryptogamic Botany.

[The following has been received for publication.—Eds.]

At the regular meeting of the *Hamilton Literary and Scientific Association*, held in its rooms, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, February 9th, 1888, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas : This Association has heard with deepest sorrow of the death of Dr. Asa Gray,—

Resolved : That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, there be transmitted to his family a record of our profound regret at such a calamity to the botanical world. That in his life he furnished a shining example of devotion to science and thoroughness of investigation which will always command our admiration and respect, and that, though of another nationality, we cherish and revere his memory, inseparably interwoven not only with American Botany but with the development of botanical science itself.